# HAMATEUR CHATTER

**The Milwaukee Radio Amateurs' Club, Inc.**

*The World's Oldest Continuously Active Radio Amateur Club*

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75 YEARS of Continuous Club Activity!

W9RH CLUB CALL

SEP-1993


## THE NEXT MRAC MEETING

Date: **Thursday - September 30, 1993**

Time: 7:30 P.M.

Place: Wauwatosa Savings and Loan at 75th and State in Wauwatosa

Program: A Video from the ARRL.

October Meeting: Thursday - Oct. 28, 1993

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## FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

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It is hard to believe that we are, once again, starting the fall meetings. With summer having flown by I guess it is time to cover the pool - unless any of you would like to take a dip in the 65 degree water! I hope to see all of you at the September, October, and November meetings along with our Christmas party.

To my surprise the Saturday morning Breakfast Club had fourteen hams at the table on the Labor Day weekend. QRM and much fun for all.

Our school is underway, so if you would like to upgrade now is definitely your chance. We have quite a few people taking the classes, but we can always find room for a couple more.

The Club will have a table at the AES open house on September 18. We could use some help to man it. Just give me a call if you would like to help.

We would like to wish Roger Zaun's XYL well. She will be going in the hospital on Friday the 17th for open heart surgery.

That's it for now!

73

Edward Wille

Ed W9PWG


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## MILWAUKEE AREA NET INFORMATION

| DAY | TIME | MHZ | ACTIVITY |
|---|---|---|---|
| DAILY | 6-8 AM | 14.290 | Wisconsin/Florida Net |
| MON-FRI | 8:30 AM | 3.965 | After Breakfast Club |
| MON | 8:00 PM | 146.445 | Emergency Net |
| MON | 9:00 PM | 146.670 | ARES Net (Milwaukee-Waukesha) |
| MON | 9:00 PM | 50.160 | 6 Mtr. General Net |
| TUE | 8:00 PM | 7.035 | A.F.A.R. Net (CW) |
| TUE | 9:00 PM | 145.130 | MAARS Roundtable |
| WED | 8:00 PM | 28.365 | 10-10 International (Milwaukee Ch.) |
| THU | 9:00 PM | 50.160 | 6 Mtr. General Interest Net |
| THU | 9:00 PM | 146.910 | Computer Net |
| FRI | 9:00 PM | 28.400 | W9RH on the air MRAC Club Station Net |
| SAT | 9:00 PM | 146.910 | Saturday Nite Fun Net |
| SUN | 10:00 AM | 443.800 | FM-38 Link to 146.88 Baraboo SWAP Net |
| SUN | 8:00 PM | 28.365 | 10-10 International (Milwaukee Ch.) |
| SUN | 8:00 PM | 146.910 | Information Net |
| SUN | 9:00 PM | 146.910 | Swap Net |

The 2 meter frequencies are -600khz offset FM repeaters. FM38 is +5 Mhz offset, tone 114.8 The 10 meter frequencies are upper sideband (USB). If there are additions, changes, or corrections to this list, please contact; Pancho KA9OFA. 344-4694.

## EDITOR'S NOTES

We wishe to thank Bessie Beider for her donation of an rotator and controller to the Club. I'm sure that they will be put to good use in the coming year (probably at the Field Day in June).

I hope to have more information on the Christmas party for the next issue.

I'm hoping to get some time to get to the code class and practice the code to upgrade to General Class. The Code Classes along with theory Classes for Novice/Tech, General Advanced classes of license are being held every **Wednesday at 7:00pm at Methodist Manor at 84th and Oklahoma.** further details on page 4 of this issue.

I wish to thank the contributors to this edition of our newsletter.

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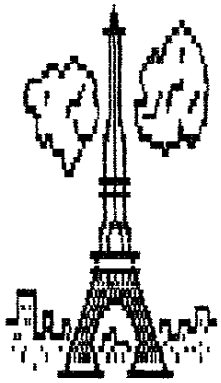
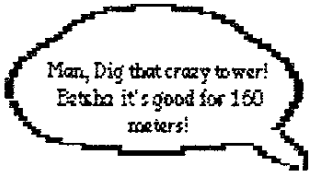
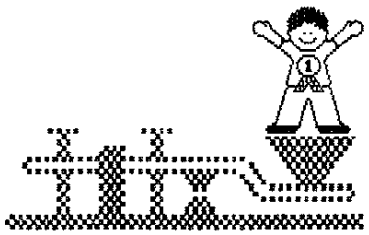
Pancho

Pancho - KA9OFA





## FCC HAM RADIO EXAMS

**Wednesday Exams**

All Grades MRAC VEC *

**Third Wed. of each month at 6:30 pm**

Village at Manor Park (was Methodis Manor)

3023 S. 84th St.

Milwaukee, WI

Walk-ins are welcome, but preregistration is requested if possible. To register in advance, send a post card on which you have printed the grade of license for which you are applying, your name, address and telephone number to:

**c/o Jack Krause-W9JK**
**1737 N. 116th St.**
**Wauwatosa, WI 53226**

or

**c/o Les Peterson - W9YCV**
**9741 W. Howard**
**Greenfield, WI 53228**

For more information call:

**466-HAMS**

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**Saturday Exams ***

**Last Saturday** of Each Month

at **8:30 am**

at Wauwatosa S&L

7500 W. State St. Wauwatosa

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**SWAT TEAM Exams ***

**2nd SAT** of each month

at **1:00pm**

Next testing April 10, 1993.

Wauwatosa S&L

6560 S. 27th ST.

Oak Creek, WI

Enter the north end of the building, downstairs and follow the signs.

OCT..... 9
NOV.....13
DEC.....11

For more info call:
KB9QL - Norman McNew (414) 764-5998
or AA9DO - Joe Mettry (414)761-9219.

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* Bring your license (if any) and 2 copies also the same for CSCE's you may have. Originals will be returned to you.

**$5.00 charge for exams for ALL classes of license.**

## Amateur Radio License Classes from MRAC
by Dave DeFebo WB9BWP

I promised Pancho I would write something about the license classes the club sponsors. I would have liked to have something ready before the current class session, but as usual I am late, but better late than never. I have also gotten carried away with writing this so the story will continue over several issues. If you do not want to see it hat much, then send in other news to displace ,this (a plug for Pancho). I will attempt to cover what we do, why we do it, and what we have done in the past. Unfortunately, there has not been a lot of record keeping done about our classes. Most of what I write is based on my memory. I may also editorialize on occasion, just a warning. First an intro and some history.

By the time you are reading this the fall '93 classes are in full swing (sign up now to be first on the list for spring '94). for the first time in about 3 years we will be trying to teach some code. Also for the first time in about 5 years we will maybe have a General class. Why have classes at all? In order to help insure the future of Amateur Radio, the ranks must grow. For many years the number of hams has been decreasing and the average has been increasing. Within the last year that trend has stopped. Many people need the little extra push a class environment provides, not to mention the interaction with others learning as well as those more experienced.

MRAC has been conducting classes at least once per year since spring 1976. The classes officially carry the name of Charlie Kaetel - W9SNK who handled most of the organizational aspects of the classes from the beginning until his death a few years ago. At the beginning Dick Oberholtzer - W9ZPV was the instructor for the Novice class. Classes were held at Wauwatosa East High School. I have been involved since fall 1976 when I joined in to help Dick. Walt Glish - W9YYW also started out at the same time. Around 1977 MRAC then added a class for General/Technician (they were the same written test then) taught by Al Belanger - W9MDG. Walt moved over to work with Al, and I stayed with Dick. Around 1980 we added a class for Advanced/Extra (yes 1 class for the 2 grades). All taught that one alone. Sometime in the mid '80's we split Advanced and Extra into 2 classes. Until the new Technician class came along we had a separate Novice class where we taught 1 hour of theory and 1 hour of code. Technician was lumped in with the General class. Today we have a Novice/Technician class with 2 hours of theory and no time for code. Before volunteer examining, Novice tests were given as part of the last class. Since the volunteer examining program, we send them all our business (Do you realize MRAC is a national Volunteer Examiner Coordinator all by ourselves, not affiliated with any other group?).

During the CB boom of the late seventies all enrollment was high. We even had 2 Novice classes running at the same time. Advanced/Extra classes were full as no one ever offered such a class. As of about 5 years ago it seemed we had caught up with demand for Advanced and Extra classes as no one enrolled. Over the years, enrollment has varied from 2 to 60 per class. the age of people has varied from about 8 to 80+. Up until the last 5 years or so we had a 50% success rate in the Novice class. Since that time and including the new Technician license, our success rate has increased to 75-100% (yes there have been classes where all attending received a license). I can't find a good reason for that except the people have been more serious about ham radio.

MRAC has never gone an entire year without running at least 1 class. Other groups have had classes on and off over the years, but we have been at it continuously. The future became cloudy in 1989 when Wauwatosa decided to try ease their budget problems by increasing the fee we were paying for rooms by about 900%. Classes were then held for 1 year at my previous place of employment (the Research and Development Center of Marquette Elec-

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tronics who gave us the room for free as well as covering copying/mailing costs during that time. Since fall of 1992 we have used a half of the village at Manor park where Phil, KB9EOQ is a resident and made arrangements for us to use the room.

We have always tried to have at least 2 instructors for the Novice and General classes. Some years classes were only held in the fall, but for most of the time, there have been both spring and fall classes. One year we even did summer. In a future segment I will try to list the instructors we have had over the years (but no guarantee I will have them all).

The one item which would be most interesting to know would be the total number of people who have been through the classes and how many were successful. Since fall of 1982 when I began keeping track, we have had over 120 people pass through classes during that time most of those have been Novice or Tech, with a few General, Advanced or Extra. I have not been able to keep up with how many got a license (as some take tests after class ends).

Next time I will get into what we are now doing and make a pitch for more help.

## FALL SCHOOL REPORT

Our fall school started on September 1st. Eight weeks for $12.00 plus $19.00 for the book. Code course for $10.00.

We have: **thirteen – Novice-Tech students**
**seven – General Class students**
**four – Advanced class students**

We are also running a 5WPM and 13WPM code class.

**Thanks to our teachers:**
**Dave DeFebo – WB9BWP**
**Jim Tromblay – WB9LNU**
**Ed Wille – W9PWG**

**Thanks also to Phil KB9EOQ** for getting the Manor to provide us with a room for classes.

It is nice to see some of our members attending for upgrading.

There is still time to get into the classes.

## CHRISTMAS PARTY

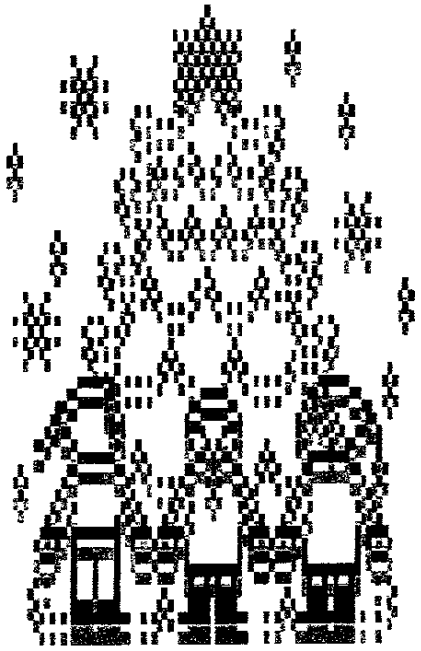
Date: 12/10/93
Place: Patio Club
Location: Southside
Food: 3 selections of Meat
Cost: $12 - $15 per place
Chairman: Vern Teske - W9RYA

This is not a Club money maker (break even at best), but a fun get together.

Ed - W9PWG

**We need ideas for entertainment!**
**Please, call Vern Teske - W9RYA.**

This year *NO ADMITTANCE WITHOUT PRIOR RESERVATIONS !!!*
*Look for Reservation Forms and further information in upcoming issues of Hamateur Chatter*



## Club Meetings

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**West Allis Radio Amateur Club**
Meets the second Tuesday of each month
at 8:00 p.m.
At St. Peter's Episcopal Church
7929 W. Lincoln Ave.
West Allis, WI

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**Miller Valley Radio Amateur Club**
Tuesday evenings at 6:30 p.m.
at 703 N. 39th St.,
just north of and almost under
the former Wis. Ave. viaduct.
For info contact; Art - WA9AWJ
(found daily on the 145.13 repeater).

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### Packet Users Group

Third Saturday of each month
8:00pm-11:00pm
**Security Bank**
7600 W. Layton
Milwaukee,WI

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## CLUB ACTIVITIES

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### W9RH– TEN METER NET

Come on up and join us on **W9RH Ten Meter Net** on **Friday evenings at 9:00 PMat approximately 28.4 MHZ.** We'd like to meet you there.

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Y'all come! to the
MRAC HAM BREAKFAST
every Saturday morning
at 8:30 o'clock.
**Maxim's Restaurant**
**9143 W. Appleton Ave.**
(corner of 91st St.
and Appleton Ave.
near Timmerman Field)
**Prices** are **reasonable**, the **food** - **good**, and the **company** - **excellent**.

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### Friday Evening CQ Food

First Friday of the month Fishfry
Serb Hall at 51st and Oklahoma
Call; Warren - K9IZV
on th 146.91 - offset
for reservations by Noon on that FRI.
Other Fridays
Check in 5:00 pm
Decision & finalization at 6:00pm
and meet at
CQ Food destination at 7:00pm
Other CQ Foods on a random basis
also called on this repeater
"CQ Food" on WA9JOB 146.91 Repeater.

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### CQ Third Tuesday

11:00 am
Skanda House
Hwy 100 & Oklahoma

## NEWS CONTRIBUTIONS

Articles and information for the newsletter should be received by the editor **no later than the first of the month of publication**. If received after the first of the month, its **inclusion** in that month's edition **cannot be guaranteed.** Your cooperation is appreciated.

Please mail submissions to:

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**Thanks to our news contributors this month:**

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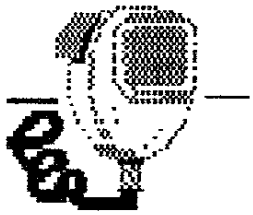

### OUR FRIDAY NIGHT 10 METER NET CHECK-IN LIST

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| KC9CI | KA9JCP | KA9ONQ |
| WB9ECA | K9LFC | W9ORT |
| KF9FA | WB9LNU | W9PWG |
| KB9FBM | W9MOT | WA9RDI |
| KB9FOQ | KA9MTY | K9RYW |
| W9FZB | KA9MXM | N9UAT |
| WB9GQX | N9MYL | W9UVV |
| N9IBU | N9NNA | W9VQD |
| WG9I | W9NZF | WB6WSQ |
| N9 IOI | KA9OFA | |

*The average age is 64 years! and there has been only one Novice class check-in!*

### For sale:

KLM KT34A - 4 element
Triband Beam .....$240
Rohn 25G tower 50'
(includes top section
and concrete base) .....$225
Also additional top section.... $40

Bob Willet - K9UML
(414) 786-6230
1535 N. Calhoun Rd
Brookfield, WI 53005

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## * * * * UPCOMING EVENTS * * * *

* Signifies VE Testing

**Radio Expo ***
SAT - SEP 25th &
SUN - SEP 26th, 1993
Grayslake, IL
T/I on 146.16/.76 Rptr

**KMRA Swapfest ***
SUN - OCT 10, 1993
Waukesha EXPO center
Waukesha, WI
T/I on147.39+ Rptr

**Friendly Fest**
**SAT - NOV. 6, 1993**
**Milwaukee, WI**
T/I on 146.91 - Rptr

**M.R.A.C.**
**Christmas Party**
FRI - DEC 10, 1993
Milwaukee, WI

**WARAC Swapfest ***
SUN - JAN 9, 1994
Waukesha, WI

**South Milwaukee Swapfest ***
SAT - JULY 9, 1994
OAK Creek, WI
T/I 146.58 Simp.

*To get your SwapFest or other event into this newsletter*
***Send Flier or write to:***
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**THIS MEETING**
**THU - SEP 30, 1993**
**at 7:30 PM**
**Wauwatosa**
**Savings and Loan**
**See Inside.**

October Meeting - OCT 28th